Message from the President

Moving Forward and What’s New

The Pacific Northwest Section—AIHA has a long history of excellence and activity and we want to share with you some of what is going on, opportunities to contribute, and good things on the horizon. We want to do a better job of communicating and one piece of that effort is the relaunching of the Cascade Impactor newsletter. Thanks to Phil Peters for heading this up and everyone that is contributing! We are initially targeting a quarterly frequency for the newsletter and your input is definitely invited.

A new Outreach Committee has been formed and is comprised of Justin La, Laura Rascon-Padilla, and Paul Woodward. With their efforts, we hope to increase local awareness of industrial hygiene and the people behind the profession. They already have a great start! See outreach article for more information.

PNS-AIHA has renewed the subscription for the AIHA eLearning Webinars for 2017. Participation is picking up so the Board felt it was well worth the cost. This is a free benefit for you as a local section member and we hope you will take advantage of it for ABIH CM points. Watch for e-mail notices from AIHA on 2017 webinars and recordings. Details for free participation are available on the PNS-AIHA website - home page.

The Spring Symposium is coming up on April 19 in Lacey, Washington, and this year’s Northwest Occupational Health Conference (NOHC) is scheduled for October 25 – 27 in Spokane, Washington. Announcements for the Symposium will be coming soon.

We also very recently completed an analysis of our website and plan to move forward with some improvements. In the short-term, you should see and experience some improvements in a few areas. We are exploring longer term options and invite anyone so inclined with website design experience/interest to step up and help. It is a big job! Please let me know if you are interested.

Thanks,

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2017 Spring Symposium

The 2017 Spring Symposium will be held in Lacey, Washington on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Lacey Community Center.

The theme for this year is “Developing and Implementing an Effective EHS Program”. Speakers include Michael Wood on OR-OSHA’s focus on program effectiveness and their “building blocks of safety and health” and Terry Walley, WA DOSH Compliance Operations, on common program citations in Washington state and how to ensure that your program is in compliance with DOSH APP and other program regulations. If you would like to present on this or related topic at the Spring Symposium, please email Michael Peterson, 2nd Year Director.

For more information, please checkout our website at www.pnsaiha.org.
Northwest Occupational Health Conference (NOHC)

This year’s 2017 Northwest Occupational Health Conference will be celebrating their 50th Year! Mark your calendars for October 25—27, 2017 at the RL Hotel in Spokane, WA.

The Northwest Occupational Health Conference has a national reputation as a dynamic, high quality, multi-disciplinary conference - one of, if not THE, oldest in the country. The quality of this conference is, in large part, due to the great volunteer time spent to put on the conference and the interesting, timely papers presented. Members of the Pacific Northwest Section, generously shared with colleagues the results of their case studies, field investigation, research efforts, and program evaluations at last year’s conference. We’re also expecting the 2017 conference to provide the high quality experience expected of the NOHC.

The Program Planning Committee is now calling for papers for the 2017 NOHC. The Short Course will be held on Wednesday, October 25 and the General Sessions will be held on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27. Conference sessions include; industrial hygiene, safety, and laboratory analysis. Let us know what new things you are doing and submit an abstract of your idea for a presentation. Research projects from professors and/or students are accepted too. Presentations should be 30-40 minutes in length and may be on topics relevant to the occupational health and safety professions. Please submit your Presentation Abstract form by June 1, 2017 here.

The national conference is coming to Seattle this year. Dana Stahl, section Past President reported that technical tours have been organized. Other chairs, Stephanie Carter and Venetia Runnion are looking for volunteers to help with local support for attendees including places to eat, things to do and the location of the nearest great wine bar. For more information about the AIHce CLICK HERE.
Local Education Committee

Seattle Local Education
Three meeting have been held and three more have been planned. The last Seattle LEC event was a tour of the DOSH IH lab in Olympia hosted by Phil Peters, the Lab’s director. Contact: John Vroman or Stephanie Carter

Tri-Cities Local Education
AIHA and ASSE members get together for dinner and a technical presentation on the first Wednesday of the month. This works out very well as several members belong to both organizations. The meeting is open to anyone in the Tri-Cities who would like to attend. The Tri-Cities LEC will put together an announcement in the monthly ASSE Newsletter that the Pacific Northwest Section—AIHA has secured an eLearning Package of webinars and all you needed to do is to become a member of the PNS-AIHA to be eligible to access the webinars and earn Continuing Education Points/Maintenance of Credentials by completing an evaluation. Contact: Joseph Samuels

Outreach Committee

The committee was established with its purpose to advocate and promote the field of Industrial Hygiene as an avenue toward a career for students entering the economy. We will target students from high schools, community colleges, and universities to invoke broad awareness to the profession of an Industrial Hygienist and how this role is becoming more important as entities around the world have the social responsibility to aim to keep workers free from all hazards.

We hope to create a dialogue among the students giving our profession greater awareness, clarifying our roles and responsibilities, and intrigue them toward a bright career as an Industrial Hygienist as it relates to the growing environmental, health, and safety sector.

The Outreach Committee advisor is Barbara Epstein and our members currently are Justin La, Laura Rascon-Padilla, and Paul Wood-

Executive Committee Meeting

The PNS-AIHA Executive Committee met on February 2, 2017.

• The October 2016 minutes were approved.

• The board is exploring website improvements with the recommendation of moving forward on updating existing website and create a subcommittee to evaluate a new website.

• The 50th NOHC is planned for Spokane on October 25—27 with the Short Course on October 25 at the RL Hotel.

• 2018 NOHC is tentatively plan for the Kitsap Conference Center, the site of the 2015 NOHC Conference.

• Joint meeting with the Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physicians group and the ASSE are being explored by Nancy Simcox and Nadine Grady.

• Scholarship Review Committee will consist of 3 members. We would like to make the scholarship announcements and call for nominations during the Spring Symposium.

• Section Budget: The budget was discussed and a budget for 2017 will be developed by Martin Rose, Section Treasurer
2016-17 PNS-AIHA Officers

Our officers for 2016-17 are:
- President .................................... James Martin, CIH
- Past-President ................................. Dana Stahl, CIH
- President –Elect .......................... Nadine Grady, MS, MP, CIH, CIA
- Executive Secretary ......................... Vacant
- Recording Secretary ....................... Phil Peters, CIH
- First Year Director ......................... Venetia Runnion, CIH, CSP
- Second Year Director ..................... Michael Peterson, CIH
- Treasurer ................................. Martin Rose, CIH
- NOHC Planning Officer (1 Year)....... Tony Uliano, MS, CIH, CHMM
- NOHC Planning Officer (2 Year) ....... Nancy Simcox, MS
- Portland LEC Committee Officer ....... Jessie Taylor
- Tri-Cities LEC Committee Officer ...... Joseph K. Samuels, PhD, CIH
- Seattle LEC Committee Officer ......... Tom Vroman, MS, CIH
- Seattle LEC Committee Officer .......... Stephanie Carter, PhD, CIH
- Montana LEC Committee Officer ....... Julie F. Hart, CIH
- Spokane LEC Committee Officer....... John Lowe, CIH
- Administrative Assistant ............... Jeannette U

If you would like to submit article(s) or ideas for the next issue of the Cascade Impactor, click here. Articles are due by May 15, 2017 for the Spring Issue of the Cascade Impactor.

AIHA LIVE WEBINARS

PNS-AIHA has subscribed to the AIHA eLearning webinar series and as a member of the local section you have the fabulously cost-effective benefit of access to all of the annual subscription webinars. As a subscriber, the Local Section gets two live viewings for each webinar. Live viewings for the webinar need to be coordinated with the PNS-AIHA administrator ahead of time (Email at administra- tor@pnsaiha.org). This provides a great LEC opportunity to schedule a meeting around a webinar date.

But a very practical alternative is that each local section member has access to all the recorded webinars as well. So if you miss the live broadcast, you can still listen to the recorded webinar, access all downloadable handout materials, AND earn ABIH CM credits. All of this is included in your annual $35 PNS-AIHA local section membership.

CLICK HERE for more information.

Welcome
New Members

Robert G. Brauch
Elizabeth Hill
Linda La
Julie McGuire
Lionel Reynolds
Jason Roggenbauer
Robert Roloson
Robin Sharpe-Yablonska
Katherine Skordial
Kaitlin Soukup
Michael Zabel

Time to renew your 2017 PNS-AIHA Membership Dues

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